

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Dorothea Inez Austin, who passed away on January 28, 2001;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dorothea Inez Austin was born on August 31, 1911
7 in Covington, Virginia; she was the daughter of the late Rev.
8 J.C. Austin, Sr. and the sister of the late Rev. J.L. Austin
9 Jr.; and

10 WHEREAS, Dorothea Austin was recognized as a gifted
11 musician, poet, writer and lecturer; she was a fashion and
12 style trendsetter who was once regarded as one of the true
13 beauties of her time; she was widely known for giving well
14 attended fashion shows, teas, and promoting successful
15 concerts and musicals; she organized several choirs and was
16 an accomplished musician on both the organ and piano; and

17 WHEREAS, Dorothea Austin's King Drive home was the
18 gathering place for celebrities and leaders of the
19 Bronzeville community; many important decisions affecting the
20 Black community in Chicago were made as a result of these
21 gatherings; and

22 WHEREAS, Dorothea Austin devoted her entire life's work
23 to the church; she was a 75 year member of the Pilgrim
24 Baptist Church in Chicago; and she received many awards and
25 honors for her community service and commitment for her
26 involvement with the church; and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of Dorothea Inez Austin will be
28 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her
29 daughter, Paulene Austin-Keller; and her many friends and
30 acquaintances who have admired her dedication and commitment
31 to her life's ambitions; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 all who knew her, the death of Dorothea Inez Austin of
4 Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Paulene Austin-Keller with our sincere
7 condolences.